



Daresbury Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

Register now to make sure we don't miss out

FREE SCHOOL MEALS- HOW TO HELP RAISE EXTRA FUNDING FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

I would encourage any parent who thinks that they may be eligible for Free School Meals to apply regardless of whether your child has a school meal or packed lunch. This is not only financially beneficial for you but also to the school in the form of additional funding. Free School meals (FSM) is in addition to the Government funded Universal Infant Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2.

For every child registered Daresbury Primary School gets £1320 this year.

With this money we could provide additional support for your child in school. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get support towards the cost of some other school activities such as trips or music lessons.

Please register before Christmas to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact **Free School Meals Admin Team - 0151 511 7188** - who will help you to register. The very best way to do this is in person via Halton Direct Link Office in The Shopping City on Concourse Level
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they

will get the free meal (saving you more than £475 a year), extra benefits and the school gets £1320 extra.

4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £1320 extra.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please talk to us about registering your child today.

Yours sincerely,



Carolyn Roberts
Principal

Do you qualify?

Parents may not have to pay for school lunches if they receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please note, you will need to go in to Halton Direct Link Office in person to find out if you are eligible and to have your claim processed as they have to verify your personal details and cannot do this by telephone or email.

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